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A German newspaper, the *Vossische Zeitung*, has asked this question: "What are we fighting for?"

Some one can lift a mighty burden from the minds of men by answering, correctly, that question.

If any voter at the coming election on the wet and dry proposition could give one good reason for the continuance of the present day saloon, that voter could vote wet with a clear conscience. There will be many who will vote on that day who have no cause to fear liquor in any form, and who have no fight on the manufacture and sale of either whiskey or beer under proper restrictions; but there's the rub. The present system of dispensing them has provided a failure and a menace. There appears to be no common ground for the two forces to meet and formulate regulations which would tend to promote temperance instead of drunkenness, so the only thing left is to vote dry and abolish the saloons. No excuse can be given for the continuance of the present system.

John Warder and James Shull went to Kansas City Thursday morning for a visit.

Mrs. R. B. Berrie and daughter, Miss Florence, went to Kansas City this morning for a brief visit.

Curtis Hill, former state highway engineer, but now city engineer of Kansas City, Mo., spent Wednesday in Lexington on business.

John Taubman went to Kansas City this morning to spend the day on business.

Mrs. Leon Neuenschwander and daughter, Miss Esther, left this morning for their home in Lawrence, Mo., after a visit here with the family of U. G. Phetzing.

Miss Agnes Munson of Independence is visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Howe.

Miss Martha Crenshaw went to Kansas City Thursday morning for a few days' visit with relatives.

Miss Leola Bruner went to Kansas City Thursday morning for a short visit.

Miss Carrie Glascock went to Boonville Wednesday morning for a few days' visit.

Brine Cure for Pork.

As soon as the carcass has been properly chilled and cut up, it is ready for curing. Rub each piece with salt, sprinkle a layer of salt in the bottom of a good tight barrel, and over each layer of meat as it is packed in tightly. When the barrel is full, cover the meat with a board and weigh it down with a stone so that none of the pieces can float with any part of the surface exposed to the air where it is likely to mould.

Make the brine by dissolving eight pounds of salt and two pounds of sugar in four gallons hot water. This will treat a hundred pounds of meat, and should be poured down the side of the barrel until the meat is thoroughly covered. Four or five days after the brine is put in the meat should be repacked in another barrel in reverse order so that the pieces which were at the bottom will be on top in the second barrel. Brine should be poured on as before, and the transfer to another barrel repeated in about five days, and this time for each pound contained in the larger pieces of meat in the barrel, that is, a fifteen pound piece of meat should stay in the brine about twenty-two and a half days, then it should be smoked with hickory, oak, apple or any other wood except that belonging to the pine family until it suits the taste of the user. About twenty-five smudges make a good, mild smoke.

Many prefer not to use saltpetre or borax, and they should be used in small quantities if at all, for both tend to harden the lean meat, and saltpetre gives it a bright red color. Not more than an ounce should be used with each pound of salt. Borax helps to keep off the skippers, but this may be done by proper sacking. If used, it should be sprinkled lightly over the lean surface at the beginning of the curing or just after smoking, but not more than a tablespoonful should be used for a large ham.

Plain syrup, sorghum, or honey may be rubbed on the meat after either the dry salt or brine cure has been completed, and pepper may be added if desired. After it is carefully sacked so that the flies cannot possibly get in, it should be hung in a dry, airy place until needed.

**Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA**

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kinkead and Miss Jennie Calloway went to Kansas City this morning for a brief visit. From there Miss Calloway will go to Clarence, Mo., for a visit.

**MISSOURI IS RICH IN
BALLAD LITERATURE**

**University of Missouri Fostered
Folk Lore Society That Has
Made Interesting Col-
lection.**

During the reading of a story before the English Club of the University of Missouri at Columbia back in 1905, one character was introduced singing a ballad. Dr. H. M. Belden, professor of English at the University, found that several members of the club were familiar with old songs they had learned by ear. This discovery led to the formation of the Missouri Folk Lore Society.

At the first meeting of the society a collection of the ballads was begun. The collection now includes 300 pieces of poetry and song ballads, representing the simple and rustic taste of early Missourians. Doctor Belden says that the state is rich in this kind of literature.

Mrs. L. D. Ames has contributed to the collection a pamphlet on the Missouri Play-Party. Mrs. Ames says that the play party was the common form of rural entertainment thirty years ago. The play-parties were dances in which the player kept time with various steps to their own singing. Invitations were delivered verbally by young men on horseback, who "got up" the party.

Here is a fragment of one of the ballads:

Old Bangum drew his wooden knife
To rob this wild boar of his life.
Come I cuttle down him carry corn.
They fought fours hours in the day
And then this wild boar stole away.

Old Bangum followed him to his den
And there found the bones of a thousand men.

W. G. Bek, an alumnus of the University of Missouri, has contributed an account of old German marriage customs in Missouri. A contribution concerning Jewish folk lore in America has been made to the society, as well as English folk lore play, discovered in St. Louis and sent to the society by Miss Antoinette Taylor.

A quadruple murder in Linn County in 1894 was the subject of many of the ballads of twenty years ago. These verses, opening one of the ballads are in the possession of the folk lore society:

Come friends, and gather round me
And listen to my song—
A sad and solemn story—
I'll not detain you long.
Twas eighteen hundred ninety-four
And on the twenty of May
The parents and three children
That night were called away.

The Missouri Folk Lore Society plans to publish a pamphlet of Missouri songs, but has been delayed so far on account of insufficient funds. It is also waiting to get its collection further advanced.

Meetings are held at the time of the Missouri State Teachers Association. Miss Mary Owen of St. Joseph has been president of the society for six years. Doctor Belden has been secretary since its organization. Charles H. Williams, secretary of the Extension Division of the University of Missouri, is treasurer. At the last meeting of the society in Kansas City, Mrs. Eva W. Case of the Kansas City Manual Training High School had half a dozen of her pupils sing a number of old Missouri ballads.

J. C. Snyder of Kirksville is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Kampf.

Rev. F. M. Burton went to Atherton, Mo., this morning on church business.

Mrs. J. M. Craig spent Thanksgiving in Higginsville with her daughter, Mrs. Daniel Thieman.

Mrs. Leila Potter and two daughters, Mrs. S. P. Creel and Miss Helen, of Kansas City arrived Thursday morning for a visit here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Vince Owens spent Thanksgiving in Napoleon.

FOUND RING LOST FOR YEARS

Was Picked Up in the Sand Under the Famous Boardwalk in Atlantic City.

Several days ago Frank Moore, one of the "miners" who "pan" the sands beneath the boardwalk in search of articles lost through the cracks, found a gold Masonic ring, inset with diamonds. Inside was the name, "C. A. Willis."

Moore inquired among Masons here without finding anybody by that name, but tracers were sent to lodges elsewhere. He was notified that a C. A. Willis had formerly been connected with the Altoona (Pa.) Masons, but had gone south. At Columbus, N. C., Moore located Willis by letter.

Moore merely asked Willis if he had lost anything. Willis replied that he hadn't been here for years, and the only thing he ever lost here was a Masonic ring while he was bathing off Tennessee avenue sixteen years ago.

Since 1899 the ring had shifted along in the sands for an entire square without being discovered.—Atlantic City dispatch to Philadelphia Record.

SKYROCKETS TO FIGHT BIRDS

State Zoologist Also Recommends Use of Roman Candles to Drive Away Feathered Pests.

Prof. A. H. Surface, Pennsylvania state zoologist, has a new way to drive roosting blackbirds from shade trees. Someone in Erie wrote to the professor complaining that the migrating birds were causing all kinds of trouble on one of the residential streets of the city. The professor, who invents cures for pests almost every day in the year, was right there with a remedy. Shoot 'em, he says, with roman candles and skyrockets.

Although Professor Surface does not guarantee it, it is certain that a blackbird hit by a skyrocket won't be back in your locality. The principal benefit from this method, however, according to the professor, is that the fireworks will frighten away the birds.

Some enterprising community might make a celebration out of it by adding a band concert and a political speech or two during the fireworks. The political speeches may aid in driving away the birds.

SIMPLY WOULDN'T DO.

"This dramatic critic doesn't seem to think much of vaudeville."
"Even if he did, he couldn't afford to let it be known."
"Why not?"
"Oh, for the same reason, I suppose, that a statesman carefully conceals the fact that he has a sense of humor."

DIDN'T DEVELOP.

"Could I interest you in a little scheme to—?" began the persuasive caller.
"My dear sir," replied the busy man at the desk. "Time was when I could be easily interested in almost any little scheme, but all I ever tackled seemed to suffer from the same complaint."
"And what was that?"
"Retarded growth."

SUCH FOOLISH MEN.

"I see," said the hashhouse landlady, "that a man in Ohio has got himself into trouble by marrying two women."
"Huh!" growled the bachelor boarder, "just as though one wife couldn't make trouble enough for the poor devil."

INDICATION.

"Is that a college girl lunching with Fred?"
"Think so. Heard her say, 'Goash, the lobster is bully!'"

ORIGINAL, ANYWAY.

"What do you think of Dauber's landscapes?"
"Well, nature certainly can't accuse him of plagiarism."

WAR ATMOSPHERE.

"Sir, I find your maid is becoming very offensive."
"I suppose that is due to her habit of coming to the front."

THE TROUBLE.

"A loan of a billion is a financial transaction of huge proportions."
"So huge it can scarcely be credited."

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Simmer— Miss Irene Welsh returned man announce the birth of a Thursday morning to her home daughter, Susie Ellen, Thurs- in Concordia, Mo., after a visit day, November 25, 1915. here with relatives.



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